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ReEmployME SYSTEM GUIDE

CLAIMANT INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE HOW TO UPLOAD TAX DOCUMENTS FOR NON-SELF-EMPLOYED

TRAINING & SUPPORT UNIT (TSU)



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Claimant Tax Documents Upload Information

If you have received the *Pandemic Unemployment Assistance*, 2019 Tax Documents Request notification from the Department of Labor, this guide provides step-by-step instructions on how to upload these documents via your ReEmployME portal account.



Maine Department of Labor Bureau of Unemployment Compensation Pandemic Unemployment Assistance 2019 Tax Documents Request



Date Mailed: <Mail Date>

CLAIMANT INFORMATION

Claimant Name: <Claimant Name>

Claimant SSN: <Claimant SSN>

REQUEST AND INSTRUCTIONS

Previously, you were approved for the minimum Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefit of \$172. You may be eligible for an increased PUA benefit.

If your total 2019 net income is more than \$15,224, you should provide documentation of your income. If your net income is below \$15,224, you are not eligible for an increased benefit and do not need to submit any information. You will continue to receive the \$172 weekly PUA benefit.

You have until December 31, 2020, to provide the requested documentation. Once received, retroactive benefit adjustments will be made. However, weekly benefits will remain at the minimum of \$172 until documentation of earnings are provided and accepted.

If you believe you are eligible for an increased weekly benefit amount, please take the following steps:

- 1. Have electronic copies of your 2019 tax information available (see below for acceptable formats)
- 2. Login to your ReEmployME account at www.maine.qov/reemployme
- 3. Select "Provide PUA Proof of Earnings" in the menu bar
- Follow the instructions on the screen to upload your 2019 tax document. You will be able to enter more than one employer or business and provide tax documents for each.

Acceptable tax documents are:

For self-employed individuals: 2019 Federal Form 1040 AND the appropriate schedule from the list below:

- . Schedule C Profit or Loss from Business Sole Proprietorship (enter line 31)
- Schedule F Profit or Loss from Farming (enter line 34)
- Schedule J Income Averaging for Farmers or Fishermen (enter line 22)
- . Schedule K-1(Form 1065) Partners share of income, deductions, credits (enter line 14)

For income reported on a W2 which is exempted from regular UI

2019 W2

Accepted document formats are: Adobe (.pdf), Microsoft Word (.doc, .docx), or image files (.gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, or. bmp). The maximum size for each document is 1 MB.

After we have completed the review of your 2019 tax documents, we will notify you by mail with your determination.

You will also find a copy of this determination in your ReEmployME account under Correspondence.

Any change in payment will be retroactive to your first weekly payment under PUA.

Acceptable Tax Documents

For Income Reported on a W2, which is Exempted from Regular UI Provide:

• 2019 W2

<u>Accepted Document Formats:</u> Adobe (.pdf), Microsoft Word (.doc, .docx), or image files (.gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, or. bmp).

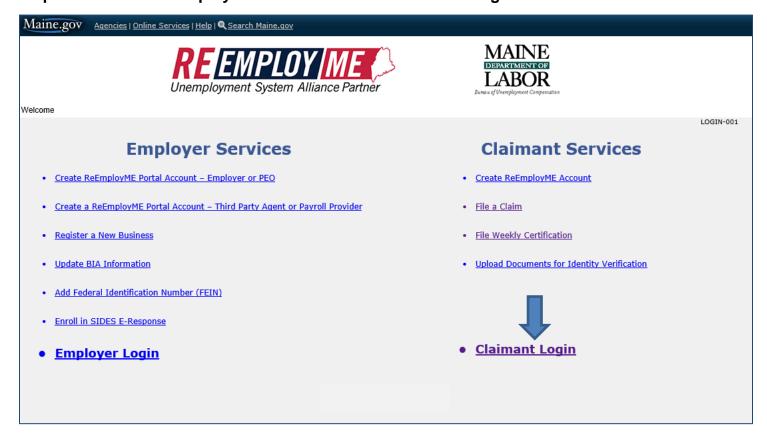
The maximum size for each document is 1 MB.

If you worked for multiple employers during tax year 2019 you may choose to save all your W2's on one document and upload one time -or- you may upload each W2 separately, repeating the steps in this guide multiple times.

2019 W2 Employer Wage Tax Documentation Upload Steps

You will first need to login to your ReEmployME account at www.maine.gov/reemployme

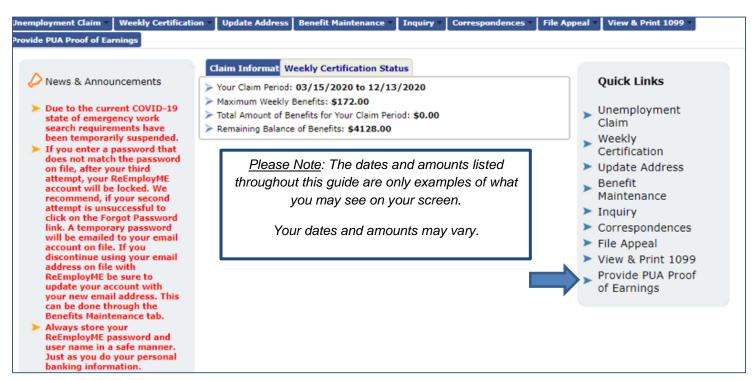
Step 1: From the ReEmployME Main Menu Select Claimant Login



Step 2: Enter Your User ID and Password > Select Submit



Step 3: From Your Main Menu Select Provide PUA Proof of Earnings



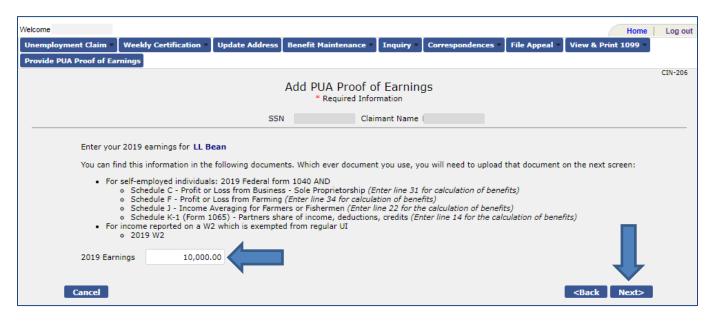
Step 4: Select No > Select Next



Step 5: Enter Employer Name and Address > Select Next



Step 6: Enter Income Reported on Your W2

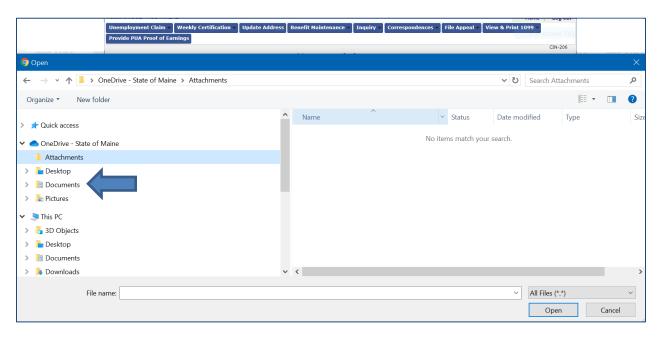


Step 7: Select Browse to Upload Your W2

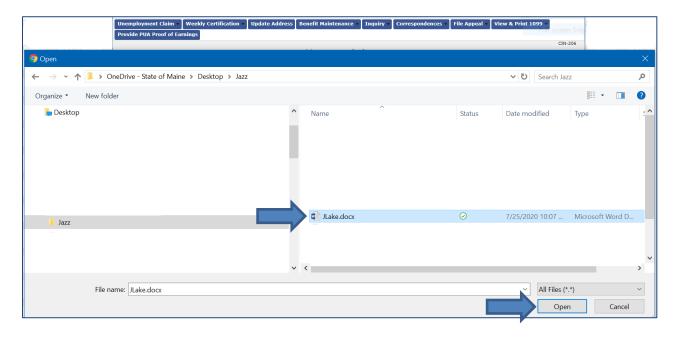


A new screen will display after you select Browse

Step 8: Select Location the Documents are Stored



Step 9: Select Document to Upload > Select Open



Step 10: Select Next



Step 11: Select Submit



Step 12: Select Add proof of earnings fo an additional employer to report additional employer wages -OR- Select Home



Next Steps

- If completed Select Home
- If you are uploading multiple W2 select <u>Add proof of earnings for an additional employer</u> link to repeat the process

PUA Tax Documentation Information

PUA recipients who are self-employed individuals whose 2019 net income was below 15,5224 and PUA recipients who worked for an employer (W2 wages) and their gross wages in 2019 were below \$15,224, will continue to receive the \$172 weekly benefit, and do not need to upload any information.

Individuals with higher earnings may be eligible for a maximum benefit under the PUA program of up to \$445 or \$462 per week, depending on whether their claim was filed before or after June 1, 2020.

MDOL will automatically match claimants with available 2019 tax information to determine eligibility for a higher benefit amount. MDOL estimates that 60 percent of claimants will be matched automatically.

Claimants whose information cannot be automatically matched will be asked to upload their supporting 2019 tax documents through their ReEmployME account. MDOL will contact these claimants through regular postal mail with instructions on what to upload and where. A claimant guide of how to upload the documents is available on the MDOL, Unemployment website.

Bureau of Unemployment Compensation Contact

If a worker is unsure if they would be eligible for unemployment insurance, the Maine Department of Labor recommends that workers apply.

More information on Unemployment Insurance can be found here: https://www.maine.gov/unemployment/

An Initial Claim for unemployment can be filed online or by phone at:

- www.maine.gov/reemployme
- 1-800-593-7660